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JUN 2 1 2004 In re Patent Application of Group Art Unit: 1636 Heidi Sisniega BARROSO et al. Examiner: Konstantina T. Application No.: 09/647,543)FFICIAL Katcheves Filed: October 2, 2000 Confirmation No.: 8353 For: **PROMOTER AND** CONSTRUCTIONS FOR **SENT VIA FACSIMILE TO** EXPRESSION OF RECOMBINANT **EXAMINER KATCHEVES AT** PROTEINS IN FILAMENTOUS 703-872-9306 **FUNGI**

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION REGARDING RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED JUNE 3, 2004

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Sir:

The undersigned attorney contacted Examiner Konstantina Katcheves regarding the above-referenced application noting that the Restriction Requirement was improperly directed to claims 1-35 and not to claims 1-15, 18-34, and 36-64, which were introduced by way of Preliminary Amendment dated October 2, 2000. While reviewing the file, Examiner Katcheves noticed that the Preliminary Amendment was intermingled with the other filing papers, such that no Preliminary Amendment was indicated as officially present in the record. A new Restriction Requirement, if necessary, will be issued by the Examiner in short order based on the claims as amended in the Preliminary Amendment. No response to the Restriction Requirement dated June 3, 2004, is required as it is incorrect.

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If the Examiner has any questions regarding this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at her convenience. The undersigned attorney appreciates the Examiner's timely assistance in identifying the issues and a solution thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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I hereby certify that this correspondence regarding the above-identified application, consisting of an Official Communication Regarding Restriction Requirement Dated June 3, 2004, is being transmitted via facsimile to Examiner Konstantina T. Katcheves, Group Art Unit 1636 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 21, 2004.

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